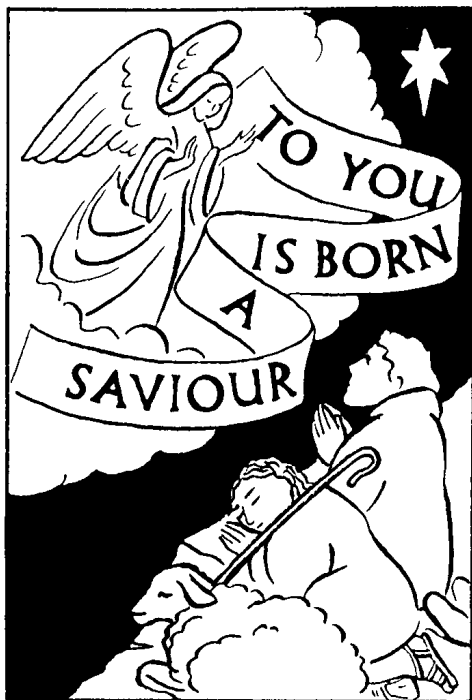


**Palmerston Place Church
Edinburgh**

CHRISTMAS 2006



**CHRISTMAS EVE
Watchnight Service
11.30 pm**



WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

**Theme: "God's Christmas message -
A Saviour is born"
Prayer before worship**

*" O Prince of Peace, whose promised birth
the angels sang with "peace on earth"
grant peace to us all
peace in our world
peace in our homes and
peace in our hearts
this Christmas season and beyond
for your name's sake."*

Amen

Organ Voluntaries

Carol Prelude on *O little town of Bethlehem*
- Gordon Phillips (1908-91)
Shepherd's Farewell (from *L'Enfance du Christ*)
- Hector Berlioz (1803-69)

Welcome

Call to worship

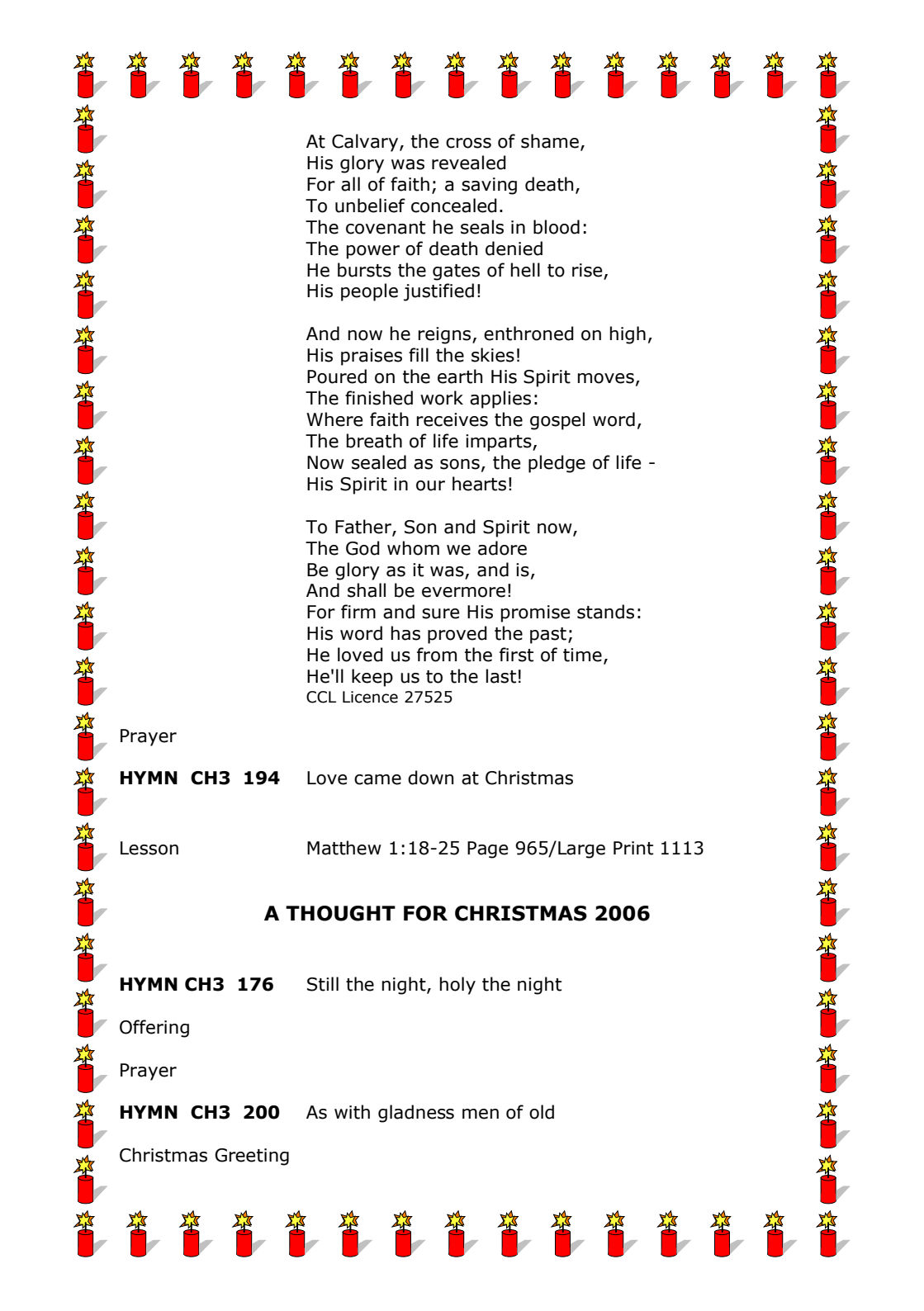
HYMN

In Counsels of Eternity

Words: William Philip (b. 1967)
Music: NOEL - Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

In counsels of eternity,
Before all words were formed,
No sun or moon shed light on earth,
Nor stars the skies adorned;
There deep within the Father's heart,
Love issued in decree:
"The sons of earth, though lost in sin,
My royal heirs shall be!"

To Bethlehem Messiah came,
The Saviour promised long
Through ages dark; His name proclaimed
In vision and in song.
Eternal Son, Himself our God,
Among us stoops to dwell,
By Virgin's womb, to stable bare,
Our Lord, Immanuel!



At Calvary, the cross of shame,
His glory was revealed
For all of faith; a saving death,
To unbelief concealed.
The covenant he seals in blood:
The power of death denied
He bursts the gates of hell to rise,
His people justified!

And now he reigns, enthroned on high,
His praises fill the skies!
Poured on the earth His Spirit moves,
The finished work applies:
Where faith receives the gospel word,
The breath of life imparts,
Now sealed as sons, the pledge of life -
His Spirit in our hearts!

To Father, Son and Spirit now,
The God whom we adore
Be glory as it was, and is,
And shall be evermore!
For firm and sure His promise stands:
His word has proved the past;
He loved us from the first of time,
He'll keep us to the last!
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Prayer

HYMN CH3 194 Love came down at Christmas

Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25 Page 965/Large Print 1113

A THOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS 2006

HYMN CH3 176 Still the night, holy the night

Offering

Prayer

HYMN CH3 200 As with gladness men of old

Christmas Greeting

HYMN CH3 191

O come all ye faithful

Benediction

Organ Voluntary

Fiat Lux "Let There Be Light"
- Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

NOTICES

WELCOME to visitors worshipping with us tonight. We hope you enjoy your time worshipping with us. If you would like further information about our Church, look in on our website

www.palmerstonplacechurch.com

SOUND SYSTEM There is an effective *loop* in the church. Hearing aid users may wish to use the T switch.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING taken at the Watchnight and Christmas Day Services will be divided between the Rock Trust and Tear Fund.

PASTORAL CARE Mr Sinclair can be contacted at either the Church Office on 220 1690 or at home on 447 9598. The address of the Manse is 30b Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh EH10 6BJ. Rev W J Macdonald can also be contacted on 332 0254.

HOLIDAYS The office will be closed until Tuesday 9 January 2007.

CHRISTMAS DAY 11-11.40 am Family Christmas Service

NEW YEAR'S EVE 11.00 am Morning Service "A child for ordinary people"

6.30 pm No Evening Service

